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A. L. A. CONFERENCE, 1913

The Executive Board, at its meeting the first week in January, voted to hold the next conference of the A. L. A. at the Hotel Kaaterskill, in the Catskill Mountains, June 23 to 28, 1913. Several other meeting places were discussed and given careful consideration, but the place chosen offered a number of very important and desirable advantages which none of the others gave.

The Hotel Kaaterskill stands in a very beautiful location on the top of Kaaterskill Mountain, at an elevation of 3,000 feet above the sea. From the piazza the visitor has an unobstructed panorama, stretching across the Hudson River and Valley and the hills of New England, covering a sweep of over ninety miles. The hotel is advertised as the largest mountain hotel in the world, having a capacity for between one thousand and twelve hundred guests, the exact number accommodated depending of course on how many desire to room alone. The A. L. A. will have the absolutely exclusive use of the entire hotel during the whole time of the conference. Having all delegates in one hotel is an important feature and always brings about easier and more frequent personal conferences and a general unity which is difficult to obtain where delegates are housed under a number of separate roofs. Any possible overflow will be accommodated at a smaller hotel, a mile from the Kaaterskill, conveyance back and forth being provided. It is not likely, however, that there will be more applications than the headquarters hotel can comfortably handle. There are 700 rooms in the Kaaterskill and annex, 100 of which have private baths. The dining room has a seating capacity for 1200 people. In the way of amusements the management calls attention to excellent golf links, boating and fishing in a small mountain lake near by, tennis, bowling, driving and motoring, mountain climbing, etc. A new ball room floor was laid in 1912. Meeting halls are adequate to accommodate the general sessions, section meetings and those of the four affiliated organizations.

The following rates are offered for the conference week: Two persons in double room without private bath, $3 per day each; two persons in double room with private bath, $4.50 per day each; one person in single room without private bath, $4.00 per day; one person in room with private bath, $6.00 per day.

All rates will be on American plan.

The Hotel Kaaterskill is reached by the Ulster & Delaware Railroad from Kingston, N.Y., trains running direct to the hotel grounds. Through cars are run direct from New York (Jersey City) to Kaaterskill, via West Shore Railroad. The hotel can also be reached by the Hudson River Day Line boats to Kingston and thence by rail. It is hoped that parties will be large enough to warrant special trains from New York, Boston and Chicago.

The large library centers in comparatively close proximity to the Catskills makes it likely that the 1913 conference will be a record breaker in attendance. The March A. L. A. Bulletin will contain further particulars from the Travel Committee, but it is hoped that library people will begin at once to plan to go to the Kaaterskill Conference.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chicago, January 1–3, 1913

A meeting of the Executive Board of the A. L. A. was held at the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Wednesday evening, January 1st. Present, Henry E. Legler, presiding; E. H. Anderson, Mary F. Isom, Herbert Putnam, Purd B. Wright, C. W. Andrews, Linda A. Eastman and T. W. Koch.

The treasurer's report for the year 1912 was presented as follows:

REPORT OF THE TREASURER, JANUARY-DECEMBER, 1912

Receipts

Balance, Union Trust Company, Chicago, Jan. 1, 1912	$ 2,005.66
Membership dues, including exchange	6,236.18
Trustees Endowment Fund, interest	350.00
Trustees Carnegie Fund, interest	5,099.33
A. L. A. Publishing Board, Installment on Headquarters expense, 1911	1,000.00
A. L. A. Publishing Board, Installment on Headquarters expense, 1912	2,000.00
Interest on bank balance, January-December	50.19
	$16,741.36

Expenditures

Checks No. 28–39 (Vouchers No. 437–614, incl.)		$8,246.74	
Distributed as follows:			
Bulletin	$1,498.49		
Conference	493.06		
Committees	147.49		
Headquarters:			
Salaries	5,050.52		
Miscellaneous	189.57		
Supplies	354.43		
Postage and transportation	174.22		
Treasurer's exp.: bond renewal	16.00		
Travel	97.96		
Trustees Endowment Fund (Life memberships)	225.00		
To A. L. A. Publishing Board, Carnegie Fund interest		5,099.33	$13,346.07
Balance Union Trust Co.			$ 3,395.29
George B. Utley, Balance, National Bank of the Republic			250.00
Total Balance			$ 3,645.29

Respectfully submitted,

Chicago, December 31, 1912. C. B. RODEN, Treasurer.